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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ INQUIRY REGARDING U.S. VISAS
FOR DANIELLE SIMON COHEN AND FREDERICK S. COHEN.

1. CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ' OFFICE CONTACTED NEA/EGY MAY 30
REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF U.S. VISAS TO
DANIELLE AND FREDERICK COHEN. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO LETTER
DATED APRIL 24, 1975 FROM SOLARZ TO AMBASSADOR SENT VIA
DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

2. TEXT OF SOLARZ LETTER AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT - DEAR
HERMANN: I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF WRITING ON BEHALF OF
FREDERICK S. COHEN, OF 113 SHARIA DASR EL-AINI, CAIRO, AND
HIS SISTER DANIELLE SIMON COHEN, OF 2A GAWAD HOSNI STREET,
ABDIN, CAIRO. --

THESE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MEMBERS OF THE VERY SMALL JEWISH
COMMUNITY IN CAIRO. MR. COHEN, ALONG WITH OTHER MALE
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WAS IMPRISONED FOR 22 MONTHS AFTER
THE OUTBREAK OF THE 1967 WAR. BOTH ARE PRESENTLY
ENROLLED IN THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO BUT ARE
EXTREMELY FEARFUL THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN
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EMPLOYMENT UPON GRADUATION BECAUSE THEY ARE JEWS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT FREDERICK AND DANIELLE ARE NOT EGYPTIAN CITIZENS AND ARE, THEREFORE, STATELESS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THEY UNSUCCESSFULLY APPLIED FOR EXIT VISAS. ON APRIL 5, 1975, HOWEVER, THE EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR GRANTED THEM PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE WITH THE CONDITION THAT THEY LEAVE EGYPT WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THEY HAVE APPLIED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS, BUT, AS YET, THEIR APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER WITH A VIEW TOWARD SEEING WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HAVE THE VISA APPLICATIONS OF DANIELLE AND FREDERICK COHEN EXPEDITED AND APPROVED IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SHORTLY. SINCERELY,
STEPHEN J. SOLARZ MEMBER OF CONGRESS END TEXT.

3. SOLARZ OFFICE CONCERNED THAT EGYPTIAN EXIT PERMIT WILL EXPIRE BEFORE ISSUANCE OF U.S. VISA. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON THIS CASE WHICH WE CAN PASS TO CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE.

4. VISA OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS NO RPT NO RECORD OF APPLICATION FOR VISAS FROM SUBJECTS. INGERSOLL

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